



**READY FOR NEW YEAR** . . . Discussion on the highlight of the holiday social calendar is keeping these four members of Los Crusados Council of the Knights of Columbus busy. A New Year's Eve dance for the Council is planned, and

will include noisemakers, hats, confetti, and a buffet. Left to right are Ginny and George Schneider, Martin O'Malley, and Jane and Jack Stenberg, all members of the dance committee.

## Find No Motive In Hanging of 14-Year-Old Boy

Sheriff's deputies investigating the hanging of 14-year-old Carl George Rhodes, of 2324 W. 247th St., Lomita, have been unable to find no apparent reason for the boy's death, they reported Saturday.

Saturday rites were held for the Narbonne High School student, whose body was discovered by his brother, William, 10, as he was coming home from school about 3:40 p.m.

He was hanging from two dress belts which had been looped together, thrown over a bedroom door, and tied around the door knob.

Mrs. Rhodes was away from home at the time, so William ran next door to a neighbor, Dennis Hurschell, of 2328 W. 247th St., who called deputies. The efforts of Hurschell and the deputies to revive young Rhodes were unavailing.

The boy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Rhodes, were unable to give any reason for the boy's apparent suicide. Deputies said there was no evidence of any foul play.

Active in Boy Scout and Mormon Church activities, the boy was a good student in school, his parents said. Mrs. Rhodes is president of the Lomita Scout Mothers.

A ninth grader, young Rhodes was born in San Francisco. He is survived by his parents; his brother, and grandparents, Emmalee McKinley, David Rhodes, and Paul Swanson, all of San Pedro.

### Prudential President New Carbide Director

Carroll M. Shanks has been elected a director of Union Carbide and Carbon Corp., according to an announcement made by Morse G. Dial, president. Shanks is president of the Prudential Insurance Co. of America.

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### TOR-NIDO TIDBITS

## North Torrance Neighbors Busy Preparing for Christmas Doings

By VERA C. WRIGHT FR 2-2288

Neighborhood Festivities highlight the pre-holiday season as Mrs. Paul Herring and Mrs. Robert Hernandez co-hosted a mid-evening "come as you are" at the 18312 Rosin Ave., at the Herring home last Thursday.

Those enjoying the buffet supper were Mrs. Vernon Burch, Mrs. Ray Torrance, Mrs. Mauritz Wisdom, Mrs. William Wright, Miss Margie Burch, Jungle Blonde, Mrs. Sarah Hooker and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Le Francois.

Entertainment was provided by "The Carolers," The Jokers and The Antique Cigar Group.

The Girl Scout Troop 1383 turkey dinner which was held at Verburg's Dairy recently is still the talk of the town. Aside from the girls cooking most of the meal themselves, it was a rainy night but even that did not stop their friends and parents from taking part.

Mrs. Pauline Parsons and Mrs. Eileen Christ co-hosted a bridal shower for Carolyn Fair who was married Saturday at the Redondo Lutheran Church.

### Obituaries

#### Anne Schnorr

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. today for Anne Schnorr, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas P. Schnorr, of 1103 Teri Ave., in Holy Cross Cemetery, with the Rev. P. J. McGuinness officiating.

The little girl died shortly after her birth in Torrance Memorial Hospital Friday. Arrangements were handled by Stone and Myers Mortuary.

#### Jerry De Baker

Graveside services for Jerry De Baker, two-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dean Baker, of 21234 Martin St., were held Friday in Green Hills Cemetery, with the Rev. Rose Lock officiating. He died Tuesday at his home.

Survivors include his parents; a sister, June Lee, 4; and two brothers, Robbie Dean, 3, and Ronnie Ray, 2.

#### Albert Henry Koehler

Final rites for Albert Henry Koehler, 86, a resident of Torrance for nearly 30 years were held Saturday in the Little Church of the Flowers in Forest Lawn, with the Rev. Leonard Babcock officiating. He died Tuesday.

Mr. Koehler and his wife, Maude, lived at 1716 Martina Ave. from 1925 until they moved to Upland in March, 1954, to be with a daughter, Mrs. W. I. McCully. Mrs. Koehler died in April, 1954.

He also is survived by a son, Albert Wesley Koehler, of San Francisco.

The gay occasion was attended by Mrs. Ira Hon, Mrs. Darlene Armstrong, Mrs. Chester Gowin, Mrs. Thomas Parsons, Mrs. Genice Henning, Mrs. Clara Fair, Mrs. Darryl, Mrs. Veda Heinley and Miss Theresa Bilotti.

The Epistol Signa's Christmas party was held on Thursday, at the home of Paula Furthman at 3327 W. 180th St. Everyone took her favorite dessert and everyone agreed that resident Edna Rusted's was the favorite of all. After the close of the short business meeting each person revealed the name of her secret sister and Christmas gifts were exchanged.

Christmas corsages were presented to the two new pledges, Peggy Wadham and Willa Dean Throop. Valda Pilgrim and Sara Ward received "welcome back" gifts due to their sojourn in the hospital recently.

It is with gay anticipation that Roslin Ave. neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rusted await the arrival of her mother and pop, Mr. and Mrs. A. Johnson of Nephi, Utah, as they have decided on Torrance, not only for the holiday season, but also for their second honeymoon.

Among the charming young ladies in our midst flashing around engagement rings is Margie Burch.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. White's second child, Edward Michael, weighing 7 lbs., 11 oz., joined

### Drive Safely, Police Urge

Local residents were urged last week by the Torrance Police Department to drive carefully, stay alive and make this Christmas a truly merry one. Christmas experts have predicted that more than 800 people will die in highway accidents over the two year-end holidays coming up.

Motorists have been advised by authorities to follow a four-point program to make sure they survive the holidays.

The safety points are (1) if you drink, don't drive; (2) get to and from holiday parties by bus or taxi if possible; (3) if you have to drive, adjust speed to weather and traffic conditions; and (4) if you take "one

of Barbara and Bob Deshler. This is the first-born for the Robert Deshler's as well as being the first grandchild for Mrs. F. Deshler.

Speedy recovery wishes are being extended to young Michael Torrence, of 18305 Roslin Ave., who slipped out of his high chair and needed a few stitches taken in the back of his head.

Congratulations are being extended to Ella Killian, whose nuptial date is not too far in the future. We will be bidding her farewell as she will move to Richmond.

Sympathies are being extended to one of our community's matrons, Mrs. Alice MacKenzie, of 332 W. 170th St., whose mother passed away this past week. Everyone who wished to send memorials was asked to donate to the City of Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Herring, Mrs. William Wright and Mrs. La Francis motored to Los Angeles to join the members of the Norwood St. P.T.A. in a morning game of bounce. Coffee and hot rolls and butter were served at 9:30 a.m. then bounce was played till 11:20 a.m. The group was asked to join in once again in the month of January and it is hoped that other El Nido P.T.A. members attend also.

Bursting with pride and happiness was Helen Deshler of Amie St., as she told of the birth of Roberta Ann Deshler, weighing 8 lbs., and 14 oz. The little girl was born on Dec. 13 at the Roslin Ave. home

for the road," make it coffee-hot and strong to overcome fatigue or over-indulgence.

A police department spokesman asked Torrance citizens to "make this a really safe Christmas and the coming New Year an accident-free one."

Police Chief Willard H. Haslam said Friday that all days off for department personnel have been canceled for the New Year's week end. The department will be in full force to handle the anticipated upswing in accidents, he said.

### Reflections

By J. HUGH SHERFEE, JR.

#### CHRISTMAS SEALS

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